

325 Washington Street Hartsville, South Carolina

**Grades** 1-3 Elementary School

**Enrollment** 374 Students

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# THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

#### **RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD**

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2008	Below Average	At-Risk
2007	Average	Good
2006	Below Average	Excellent
2005	Average	At-Risk
2004	Good	Excellent

### **DEFINITIONS OF DISTRICT RATING TERMS**

- Excellent District performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Good District performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Average District performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Below Average District is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- At-Risk District performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal

#### SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE GOAL

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

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# Percent of Student PACT Records Matched for Purposes of Computing Improvement Rating

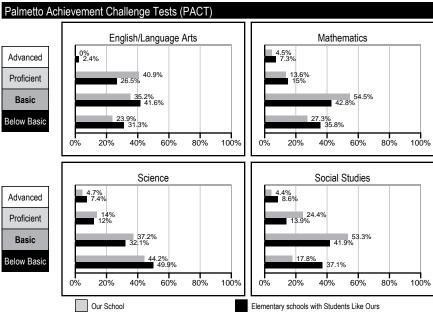
Percent of students tested in 2007-08 whose 2006-07 test scores were located

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ABSOLUTE RA	TINGS OF ELEMEI	NTARY SCHOOL	S WITH STUDENT	S LIKE OURS*
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Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
0	0	13	64	35

<sup>\*</sup> Ratings are calculated with data available by September 30.



<sup>\*</sup> Elementary schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary schools with Poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the

Definition of 0	Critical Terms
Advanced	Exceeded expectations, Very high score, very well prepared to work at next grade level
Proficient	Met expectations, Well prepared to work at next grade level
Basic	Met standards, Minimally prepared, can go to next grade level
Below Basic	Did not meet standards, must have an academic assistance plan, the local board policy determines progress to the next grade level

# School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=374)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	92.5%	Down from 97.7%	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	5.7%	Down from 9.6%	3.0%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.9%	Down from 96.0%	96.0%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	2.7%	Up from 2.2%	4.5%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	8.7%	Down from 11.6%	8.0%	7.5%
Older than usual for grade	1.6%	Down from 3.8%	1.2%	0.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.3%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=32)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.5%	Up from 59.4%	53.5%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	93.8%	No Change	70.4%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	83.4%	Down from 84.6%	83.5%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.0%	Up from 94.3%	95.0%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$48,037	Up 8.2%	\$43,988	\$45,345
Professional development days/teacher	32.3 days	Up from 29.9 days	13.2 days	12.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.0 to 1	Up from 18.4 to 1	17.0 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.3%	Up from 84.6%	89.2%	89.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 99.5%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$7,503	Down 2.1%	\$7,747	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	69.1%	Down from 71.1%	69.1%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	66.7%	Down from 67.5%	62.6%	64.2%

<sup>\*</sup> Prior year audited financial data are reported.

## Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Washington Street Elementary School is a Tile I school that continues to demonstrate a commitment to the highest standards of student achievement. With our dedication to the improvement of instruction through ongoing professional development, our staff strives to provide quality instruction to our students by participating in a variety of staff and professional development opportunities.

Our English/Language Arts instruction continues to receive a positive boost as our teachers and students participate in the federally funded Reading First Grant. The grant provides our teachers with high quality professional development in best practices for ELA instruction. Student progress is monitored through a variety of assessments, with classroom, individualized and small-group instruction adjusted based upon the strengths and needs of the students.

Math, science, and social studies instructional methods are also targeted for continuous improvement as our teachers receive on-going training through district sponsored professional development in best practices for these core subject areas.

Parental and community involvement remain a priority, and with the addition of a parent liaison this year, opportunities for interaction between all stakeholders at the school have increased. Math, Reading, and PACT Family Nights, Annual Field Day, parent/teacher conference days, and Open House continue to be important events for all stakeholders to work for the improvement of our school. The addition of a Student Talent Showcase and the Master and Miss Washington Street Elementary programs provide the school community with new opportunities to support our students and school.

Working together, we continue to strive for success at Washington Street Elementary School, This effort requires the involvement of all of our stakeholders and is included in our school mission, "United as we strive for excellence in learning and character." Moreover, our commitment to improvement, respect for our stakeholders and community, as well as the drive for the highest achievement for our students is evident in our school motto, "We Strive for Excellence!"

Valerie M. Sawyer, Principal Jada Gore, Chairman School Improvement Council

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents										
	Teachers	Students*	Parents*							
Number of surveys returned	28	59	48							
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.4%	79.3%	93.5%							
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.9%	72.4%	83.0%							
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	78.6%	81.0%	91.3%							

Only students at the highest elementary school grade level and their parents were included.

#### No Child Left Behind

# School Adequate Yearly Progress

NO

This school met 10 out of 13 objectives. The objectives included student performance, graduation rate or student attendance, and participation in the state testing program.

Definition: As required by the United States Department of Education, Adequate Yearly Progress specifies that the statewide target is met for "All Students" and for the following subgroups: Racial/Ethnic, Subsidized Meals, Disability, and Limited English Proficiency in the areas of English/Language Arts and Mathematics, as well as meeting the statewide target for "All Students" for attendance or graduation rate.

# School Improvement Status

School	Improvement Key
NI	Newly Identified-The school missed adequate yearly progress (AYP) for two years. Sanction: Offer school choice.
CSI	Continuing School Improvement-The school missed AYP for three years. Sanctions: Continue school choice and implement supplemental services.
CA	Corrective Action-The school missed AYP for four years. Sanction: Continue school choice and supplemental services. The school district takes a corrective action.
RP	Plan to Restructure-Sanctions: Continue school choice and supplemental services. Develop a plan to restructure. If the school misses AYP the next year, the school implements the restructuring plan.
R	Restructure-The school missed AYP after two years of corrective action. Sanction: Implement the restructuring plan.
DELAY	The school met AYP in all subgroups and the indicator for one year, thus the delay provision applies. The school remains in the same status as last year and is referred to as in "Delay."
HOLD	The school made progress for one year in the subject area that identified the school for school improvement. The school remains in the same status as last year and is referred to as in "Hold."

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance		
	Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	1.8%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.7%	6.8%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	95.9%	94.0%	Yes

<sup>\*</sup> Or greater than last year

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All Students	103	100	27.1	53.1	15.6	4.2	35.4	37.8	45.8	No	Yes
Gender											
Male	59	100	35.8	45.3	11.3	7.5	28.3	38.2	45.6	N/A	N/A
Female	44	100	16.3	62.8	20.9	0	44.2	37.4	45.9	N/A	N/A
Racial/Ethnic Group											
White	32	100	12.5	50	25	12.5	62.5	53.3	59	I/S	I/S
Africian American	70	100	34.4	54.7	10.9	0	21.9	26.7	26.9	No	Yes
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	77.8	71.3	I/S	I/S
Hispanic	1	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	44.2	38.1	I/S	I/S
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	46.2	I/S	I/S
Disability Status											
Disabled	24	100	58.3	29.2	12.5	0	16.7	12.3	17.1	I/S	I/S
Migrant Status											
Migrant	N/A	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	32.5	N/A	N/A
English Proficiency											
Limited English Proficient	1	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	46.3	38.7	I/S	I/S
Socio-Economic Status											
Subsized meals	78	100	31	56.3	12.7	0	26.8	28.7	31.4	No	Yes

<sup>\*</sup> Adj - Adjusted to account for natural variation in performance.

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Subsized meals	40	100	54.3	31.4	14.3	0	14.3	19	21.1	95.8	95.6
Social Studies											
All Students	49	100	17	53.2	25.5	4.3	29.8	28.1	34	95.9	95.9
Gender											
Male	23	100	13.6	63.6	13.6	9.1	22.7	31.1	36.6	95.7	95.7
Female	26	100	20	44	36	0	36	24.9	31.3	96.2	96.2
Racial/Ethnic Group											
White	14	100	7.1	57.1	28.6	7.1	35.7	39.4	44.5	95.5	95.5
Africian American	34	100	21.2	51.5	24.2	3	27.3	19.7	19.1	96.1	96.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	57.1	58.9	96.2	98
Hispanic	1	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	37.1	27.5	95.9	96.5
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	32.7	N/A	91.8
Disability Status											
Disabled	8	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	10.4	14.4	94.6	94.8
Migrant Status											
Migrant	N/A	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	22.6	N/A	89.9
English Proficiency											
Limited English Proficient	1	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	39.5	27.3	96.2	96.9
Socio-Economic Status											
Subsized meals	39	100	21.6	56.8	18.9	2.7	21.6	19.5	21	95.8	95.6

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